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Second clean-up order for Scotch Line landfill

by CHAD INGRAM
Times Staff

The Township of Minden Hills is once again under fire from the province for the condition of the Scotch Line landfill.

The municipality received an order from the Ministry of Environment and Climate Change on Nov. 30, the second such order it has received this year.

The first, issued in June, was about the high amount of leachate on the landfill property. The most recent is due to the amount and improper storage of hazardous material at the site.

The order from Gary Mulooin, senior environmental officer with the MOECC's Peterborough office, identifies a number of instances where the municipality has exceeded permitted quantities for the temporary storage of hazardous waste.

These include the number of compressed gas tanks located on the property (it is not to exceed 50, stored in an appropriately designed and enclosed area), a number of vehicle batteries being stored on the ground (they are to be stored on pallets, covered from the elements), and quantities of aerosol cans, oil

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Dance Happens in Haliburton County

Dancers with the Verba Ukrainian Dance Company of Winnipeg captivate the audience with their strength and grace at the annual Nutcracker ballet performance for elementary school students on Friday, Dec. 1 at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion in Haliburton. They staged their own show, Kolomeyka, later that evening in the great hall at Fleming College. They were brought to the county by Dance Happens Here./DARREN LUM Staff

New research projects exploring local history, environment

by JENN WATT
Editor

Research projects underway in Haliburton County seek to better understand cultural attitudes, to map potential bus routes for public transportation and discover previously undocumented Indigenous history.

More than a dozen projects have com-

menced under the supervision of professors at Trent University and co-ordinated by U-Links Centre for Community Based Research, based in Minden.

"I think there will be some pretty good things coming out in the spring," said U-Links director Sonja Addison. In March, U-Links hosts a Celebration of Research held in the county where people can discover the

results of the work done over the year.

Attendees at the 2018 celebration can expect to hear about bird monitoring at Abbey Gardens, climate change attitudes in Haliburton County, and the history of Windy Pine, once a girls camp and now a Trent University academic retreat.

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Special meeting called to address order

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filters, toner cartridges, lightbulbs, lithium dry cell and rechargeable batteries and paint cans.

Ministry staff arrived at the landfill for a routine inspection on Oct. 19.

"During the inspection of Oct. 19, 2017, ministry staff observed materials such as waste paint, waste oil, waste compressed gases, waste batteries and waste pesticides being stored outdoors (on the ground) at the site," a report from Muloin reads. "The waste paint, waste oil, waste compressed gases, waste batteries and waste pesticides would fit the definition for subject waste set in Ontario Regulation 347."

"Ministry staff were informed by staff from the Township of Minden Hills that subject wastes being stored at the site were incidental materials received at the site and diverted from the landfill. Some of the containers of waste oil were not properly secured with a lid, and containers of pesticides were observed to be laying on the ground. The following contraventions of Condition 1(3) of the ECA were noted: the area used for the storage of MHSW (subject wastes) was not fenced; greater than 50 waste compressed gas tanks were present at the site; cans of waste paints were not being stored in plastic lined shipping drums; vehicle batteries were being stored on the ground, not in an area sheltered from precipitation; more than four 250-litre drums filled with aerosol cans were present at the site."

The ministry requested that the materials be removed by a licensed carrier and taken to a licensed disposal site.

"On Oct. 31, 2017, ministry staff attended the site and noted that subject waste materials were being stored at the site in a similar manner to what was initially observed on Oct. 19, 2017," the report reads. The same went for subsequent visits on Nov. 6 and Nov. 14.

Emails regarding the situation were exchanged between township staff and ministry staff over the span of nearly a month.

"In the period between Oct. 22 and Nov. 17, 2017, ministry staff and staff from the Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills exchanged email correspondence on several occasions related to the management and removal of subject waste materials from the site," Muloin's report reads.

"Issues related to the storage of subject waste materials at the site were also documented in a compliance inspection report pro-

duced by ministry staff dated Nov. 17, 2017. On Nov. 20, 2017, ministry staff received an email from staff from the Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills advising that subject wastes were removed from the site on Nov. 17, 2017 by Buckham Transport Limited."

When ministry staff returned to the landfill on Nov. 21, they discovered a significant amount of the waste material was still there, then sent further correspondence to the township requesting the materials be removed as soon as possible.

"On Nov. 23, 2017, ministry staff received an email from staff from the Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills advising that Buckham Transport Limited would be at the site on Wednesday, Nov. 29, 2017, to complete the removal of all subject waste from the site.

"On Nov. 30, 2017, ministry staff attended the site and observed Buckham Transport Limited staff packing subject waste materials and loading the materials into a vehicle owned/operated by Buckham Transport Limited. Ministry staff were informed that the amount of subject waste present at the site was greater than the capacity of the hauling vehicle owned by Buckham Transport Limited present at the site. Ministry staff contacted staff at the office of Buckham Transport Limited and were informed that only one load was scheduled to be removed from the site on this date. Any subject wastes remaining at the site would have to be removed at a later date."

The provincial order gave the township until Dec. 6 to clean things up sufficiently.

"So, we do have one more load up there that needs to go," Minden Hills property and environmental operations manager Ivan Ingram told councillors during a meeting on Dec. 4. The special meeting was called to deal with the provincial order.

Ingram told councillors he was confident the requirements could be met by the Dec. 6 deadline. It was also noted by the ministry that the township had failed to submit paperwork, for which Ingram took responsibility.

"Failure to submit paperwork to the MOECC . . . in my ignorance, I didn't know that we were supposed to directly send a white copy to the MOECC," Ingram said.

Minden Hills does host hazardous household waste days, half a dozen of them, mostly through the spring and summer months. In between, staff continue to find hazardous waste material mixed in with other garbage

at the landfill, which they pull out and store separately. Ingram said that people also leave hazardous waste at the gate, which the township must then store and ship.

"I think the problem that we got into is, we were allowed at one time, to store this stuff," he said, noting that times have changed.

"I'll be honest, I wasn't very happy when I saw this Thursday afternoon," said Mayor Brent Devolin. "Obviously, the world has changed in a hurry, and certainly the criteria that we've operated by in the past is no longer sufficient on any level."

Devolin noted there have been a total of four provincial orders in the county this year, with other townships in the county receiving them as well.

"We're the first one to get two, but it's a countywide issue . . . and we'll be having conversations at the county level about this," he said.

Councillor Pam Sayne wanted to know what happens to the waste products when they leave the landfill property.

"I'm interested to know where we're shipping this to," Sayne said. "Is there a market, is there a place for this?"

Ingram said the materials are recycled at specialized facilities. He said he'd put more money for transportation in his department's budget for 2018, but was unsure how much additional funding would be needed.

"It's a crapshoot, quite honestly, because we don't know how much we'll be getting," he said.

Councillors said public education, as well

as the prospect of hosting more hazardous household waste days, should be considered.

Devolin said it may be necessary to construct permanent buildings for the storage of the materials, something that will be included in the 25-year plan for the Scotch Line landfill, but something that may have to happen sooner than planned.

"Obviously, storing some of these things on an interim basis, building some of these structures, might have to jump further ahead in the queue, for us not to be in this position," he said.

Devolin also suggested council consider the idea of video cameras at the landfill, in order to catch residents who are dumping materials at its gates.

Ingram pointed to provincial plans around the so-called "circular economy," where manufacturers would be made responsible for the end-of-life care of their products and packaging.

"That's not happening in 2018, from the provincial level, so I think we need to plan for the next year or two," Devolin said.

"I assume, looking around the table, we want to comply with these standards, what we have to spend, as quick as we can do it, whether it's structures, training . . . whatever the pieces are."

A training day is scheduled for next week for landfill attendants and municipal staff, which councillors can also join in on.

Devolin said it's likely there will be increases on the tax bill to pay for environmental operations expenses.



Winnipeg company brings Ukrainian dance to Haliburton

Dancers with the Verba Ukrainian Dance Company of Winnipeg perform as guests at the annual Nutcracker ballet performance for elementary school students on Friday, Dec. 1 at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion in Haliburton./DARREN LUM Staff

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Every bit helps Sick Kids Hospital

by DARREN LUM
Times Staff

It's all about giving back for Minden's Brittany Hewitt.

The 2015 Haliburton Highlands Secondary School graduate has been an outpatient with Sick Kids Hospital ever since she was born with a heart murmur and then later developed premature ventricular contractions, causing her heart to skip.

She loved the care from the hospital but knows how expensive it is to be an outpatient at the downtown Toronto-based hospital.

Parking alone can be \$20 a day, and if an overnight stay is required then the cost could balloon to the hundreds over a weekend. Hewitt saw the difficulty parents faced, stressed over their children's health and the added financial pressures from having to leave work.

As a way to show her appreciation for the great care she received with Sick Kids, Hewitt started a gofundme page (www.gofundme.com/sickkids-parent-relief-fund) to donate to the Sick Kids Foundation. She has requested these funds help parents with children in need of care by the hospital.

"I know a lot of families don't have a lot of extra money when they're at home so I couldn't imagine if a child was sick in the hospital [to then] have to worry about the finances," she said.

Although she has a \$1,000 goal (chosen randomly), any amount raised is helpful and includes the added benefit of raising awareness of the good the foundation does.

According to the Sick Kids Foundation website, the Hospital for Sick Children was started by Mrs. Elizabeth McMaster and "equally forward-thinking women" in 1875. The hospital restarted because of the numbers when close to half of recorded deaths in Toronto for 50 years prior to 1875 were children under 10.

She never accessed any financial help from the Sick Kids Foundation herself.

Thus far there has been \$200 raised through the gofundme effort in 21 days since it started.

"I'm happy with that because \$200 is better than nothing," she said.



Minden's Brittany Hewitt, a recent HHSS graduate, has started a gofundme page (www.gofundme.com/sickkids-parent-relief-fund) to raise money for the Sick Kids Foundation. Hewitt was a long-time outpatient at the children's hospital and appreciated the great care she received./ DARREN LUM Staff

She feels fortunate her medical attention never really required her to stay overnight.

"I was lucky. We had to pay for the odd day, here and there throughout the year while some parents had to spend a lot of money they might not have. I just thought even raising a little bit could help pay for a meal or parking because it isn't the cheapest down there," she said.

Relative to other hospitals, Sick Kids is special for Hewitt.

"It was so warm and welcoming. It didn't feel like a hospital to me. The nurses ... they were so compassionate. Even the waiting rooms were so decorated for kids. It didn't feel scary," she said.

There was great attention to make children feel comfortable, she adds.

Despite negative comments posted to her Facebook, which prompted her to temporarily take the gofundme link off her page, she was bolstered with support and encouragement to continue.

Hewitt appreciated everyone's positive comments, but really found strength in the personal messages and one-on-one meeting with couple John Teljeur and Sonja Marx, who also faced negativity when they started the Heat Bank Haliburton County.

"They continued to push through and now they are doing so much good for the community so I thought I would put it back up and hoped I wouldn't get any more negative responses. If anyone was willing to donate then it was good," she said.



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Please note: Council meetings are reduced to one during the month of December.

NOTICE BUDGET STANDING COMMITTEE MEETING

Take Notice that the Budget Standing Committee, comprised of all members of Council, will meet on Tuesday December 12, 2017 at 9:00 am in the Council Chambers, located at 7 Milne Street, Minden, ON to review the first draft of the 2018 Budget.

For further information regarding the meeting, please contact Dawn Newhook, Clerk.

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Filling cruisers in the county

Auxiliary officer Garrett Harrison, Constable Matt Leach and auxiliary officers Ryan Hogg and Michael Nelson greeted shoppers at Easton's Valumart in Minden on the morning of Dec. 2 to help encourage donations to local food groups through the Fill a Cruiser campaign. That same day, the pre-holiday program filled another cruiser with donations at Dollo's Foodland, and in Haliburton at Park's Foodland and Todd's Independent as well, bringing in a total of 557 bags of food and almost \$830 in cash donations. Highlands East residents can help the Fill a Cruiser initiative at Wilberforce Foodland on Dec. 9. /SUE TIFFIN Staff

Public boat launch proposed for Bob Lake

by CHAD INGRAM
Times Staff

The newly formed Bob Lake Association is requesting that Minden Hills township construct a new public boat launch on the lake south of Minden.

In 2016, the owner of the Bob Lake property that houses a long-used boat launch barricaded the launch to the public. For many years, there was a misunderstanding, including by Minden Hills township, that the launch was publicly owned.

While lake residents had previously been represented by a series of road associations, the lake has been without a unified property owners' association.

The association, representing some 230 property owners on Bob Lake, was formed in September and members Dave Roberts and Robert Roszell were in Minden Hills council chambers on Nov. 30 requesting financial support for the construction of a boat launch on a municipally owned road allowance at the north end of the lake.

"Obviously, the No. 1 issue at our kickoff meeting was around the public boat launch issue," Roberts told councillors.

The proposed project would involve the installation of a concrete boat launch on a road allowance along Claude Brown Road, which is a municipally maintained road.

Along with the boat ramp, which would consist of four, concrete slabs, an expansion of gravel area used by snow plows for turning around is suggested, an area that could accommodate vehicles and boats in waiting.

The association is hoping the municipality will pick up the tab for the project.

"Really, at the end of the day, it comes down to all this for \$30,000, and it's essentially maintenance-free," Roberts said.

He told councillors the association is concerned that the absence of a public boat launch on Bob Lake will drive down property values, and said one local real estate firm had estimated the drop could be between 10 and 15 per cent.

"Without a doubt, there will be a negative impact on resale value," Roberts said. He said reduced assessments for the properties on the lake would translate to reduced property taxes for the township and according to the association's research, every one per cent of assessment value would equate to approximately \$7,000 in annual lost tax revenue.

"I'd like to see a staff report come back so it can be considered as part of our 2018 budget considerations," said Mayor Brent Devolin.

"I think this is a win, win, win," said Councillor Pam Sayne. "You've touched base with all of the players involved in this . . . it's a very thorough proposal."

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Dukes of hazardous waste

IT IS BECOMING abundantly clear, as clear as the bags in which we're all supposed to deposit our household waste, that there are issues with the management of the Scotch Line landfill in Minden Hills.

Last week, the township received a provincial officer's order from the Ministry of Environment and Climate Change regarding the state of the facility.

It was the second such order the township has received in the past six months. Readers may recall the first one, issued in the spring, was about the amount of leachate on the property, attributed, at least partially, to a construction and demolition pile that, at that time, was roughly the size of a small country.

This time, it's for an unpermitted amount and improper storage of hazardous waste materials – things like compressed gas tanks, car batteries, lightbulbs and paint cans.

Not only did the number of these items exceed the permitted limit for the temporary storage of hazardous materials, but in many cases, they were stored improperly – car batteries just sitting on the ground, subject to the elements, rather than sitting on pallets and covered from the rain, as they are supposed to be.

While the infractions were first noted by ministry staff in mid-October, it seems that, despite numerous requests from the ministry to clean up the materials, the township failed to do so. For weeks on end. Failure to heed these requests eventually resulted in the order, which was issued Nov. 30 and gave

the township until Dec. 6 to bring conditions into regulation.

At a special council meeting held Monday to address the order, there was a lot of talk about how times have changed. Yes, they have, and maybe the ministry is enforcing regulations more strictly than it has in the past. That's irrelevant. The township is no position to bargain or haggle with the ministry over instructions it is given. It must follow them, or face the possibility of fines. That's it. That's how it works.

A training day, something that is very obviously required, is scheduled for next week. The township needs to start making operational changes for the handling of hazardous waste immediately. This will entail hosting more days at the landfill when the materials are accepted. Currently, household hazardous waste days are held mostly during the cottaging season. It must increase the number of times it ships the materials from Scotch Line, to keep quantities below the permitted threshold.

As was mentioned by the mayor during the meeting, perhaps it is also time for council to consider the construction of buildings to house the materials, meaning greater quantities could be stored on-site. Perhaps it is also time for the township to invest in cameras, to catch those who choose to dump hazardous waste at the gates of the landfill.

By the way, if you are reading this and are dumping hazardous materials at the gates of the landfill, stop it.

All of these things will cost money, but at least some of them need to happen. And they need to happen soon.



CHAD INGRAM
Reporter

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Startling events

THE OTHER DAY I went for a walk in the bush and was reminded of two things. First, grouse will often wait until an unsuspecting person nearly steps on top of them before they flush. Second, that I still have admirable control over most of my bodily functions.

Had I not, I would have turned around and headed back to the car.

This leads me to today's subject – what is the appropriate response when startled by a wild animal? Admittedly, this is a complex subject that scientists and other people of wisdom and intellect tend to steer clear of.

Luckily, I am eminently qualified to step in.

Ask any two outdoors enthusiasts about what constitutes a reasonable response when confronted by the sudden appearance of a wild animal and you will get vastly different answers.

I believe much of this has to do with the mindset of the person at the time. For example, a tiny bear cub might not necessarily elicit a high pitched yelp, an attempt at breaking several international land speed records and a severe dampening of underwear in the average outdoors enthusiast. Yet, if that same person had just watched *The Revenant* the night before, all of this is entirely plausible.

The size of the animal is not always as important as non-outdoorsy types might think, however – and you'd know this if you have ever had a gray squirrel run up your shorts.

In fact, it is normally the smaller animals that extract the best responses. A well-placed spider, for instance, can basically cause a total loss of dignity and bladder control. Similarly, a garter snake in the bot-

tom of a sleeping bag can literally launch the occupant out of it like a round shot from a cannon. True, the trajectory might not be as high, but the commotion the person makes when he or she hits the ground is not all that different.

Certain animals have a greater capacity to startle as well. Bats and skunks immediately come to mind. And though I have never been charged by an irate rhino, I once found myself between a group of hungry teenagers and a pizza, so I believe I can honestly envision the terror that is involved.

With all this in mind, you might be wondering what the appropriate response to a sudden surprise in the form of a wild animal should be? This clearly depends on whether there are witnesses and what those witnesses did.

If you are lucky, each one of you will have screamed like a kindergarten baby and leapt into each other's arms or the lower limbs of nearby trees as soon as that mallard hen charged. In cases like that, the response is easy – never speak of it again.

Unfortunately, there are times when you are the only one who reacted in the proper way while the others did not know enough to scream and leap into the safety of a friend's arms.

The only way to salvage a situation like this is to know ahead of time what your companions fear most. That way, as you are jumping in their arms, you can yell something like "Rabid wolf!!!!" or "Pattern baldness!!!!" And hopefully, this will cause that person to react in an undignified manner that we can all be proud of – and then, never speak of again.

Which is great, so long as you don't mind silence on the walk back to the car.



STEVE GALEA
Beyond 35

IN OTHER WORDS

Columns and Letters to the Editor

Drama from the Brits

I'VE NOT BEEN caught up in and enraptured by the romantic British drama of Prince Harry and American actress Meghan Markle.

Much of the world has and is feverishly awaiting answers to the big questions: When exactly will the wedding be? What will she wear? Will Harry shave for the wedding? Will they get pregnant immediately?

I haven't had time for the American princess drama. Too busy with another British drama, the BBC television series *Peaky Blinders*.

Peaky Blinders is a captivating but raw show about a family street gang operating in the industrial slums of Birmingham in the early 1920s. The gang was into a variety of thuggery and corruption, plus illegal betting, horse-race fixing, extortion and murder.

The Peaky Blinders was a real life Birmingham gang, but its story is heavily fictionalized in the BBC show. It operated between the late 1880s and the start of the First World War in 1914. The show sets the heyday of the Blinders much later – after that war and into the early 1920s.

The name Peaky Blinders comes from the peaked Tweed flat caps worn by its members. A gang member would head butt a person, the peak of the cap striking the victim across the eyes, temporarily blinding him. Another version of gang history has members sewing razor blades into cap peaks.

The caps were specially popular among working class men and teenagers in the late 1880s.

The show follows the gang family's rise from basic street thugs to a sophisticated criminal organization that has police and politicians in its pocket. Thomas Shelby, played by Irish actor Cillian Murphy, is the leader of the gang, composed of his brothers, an aunt and a passel of petty criminals.

Variety, the weekly American entertainment magazine and website, gave the show a brutal review after it first appeared in autumn 2013. It has played three seasons now and a fourth is planned. The first three seasons have been picked up by Netflix.

"Handsome but hollow," wrote *Variety* reviewer Brian Lowry. "Even armed with razor blades, it doesn't quite cut it."

Lowry's definitely was a minority opinion. *Variety*'s website was plugged with comments from viewers who did not agree with the review.

"This series is phenomenal!!!" wrote one commenter. "Hollywood is incapable of putting out this quality." (I tend to agree. Hollywood is slipping behind overseas productions.)

Peaky Blinders is a very watchable story with suspense, unexpected twists and a great portrayal of a hard-nosed, tough-talking family whose members, despite their differences, are truly bonded to each other. Characters are well played and the dialogue is excellent, something we have come to expect from British shows.

The show is brutally raw, increasingly so as the series progresses. The violence moves from general thumpings and knifings to the gun play you expect from American television.

Ditto the sex scenes, which leave little to the imagination as the series rolls along. The final episode of Season 3 features an orgy the likes of which I've never seen on TV.

Season 3 was close to being overdone. It confirms my belief that television series are best ended after one or two seasons. When they run longer, producers and writers stretch to get stuff that will titillate viewers.

What I like best about *Peaky Blinders* is the showing of what life was like in Birmingham (and many other cities) 100 years ago. The poverty, the lack of education, the corruption and the moral rot.

We have come a long way since then. British and North American societies are better today: more civilized, better educated, morally elevated and have learned better health habits. (Tommy Shelby smokes a cigarette in almost every scene.)

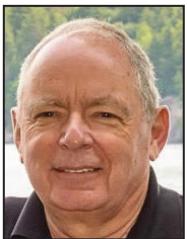
On second thought, are we really that better today?

We dress better, eat better, have more and better appliances and toys. However, the disparity between our haves and have-nots grows alarmingly, jobs continue to disappear, drug addiction is at a crisis level, gun violence is a daily occurrence in our big cities. Corruption and moral rot remain features of our political systems.

The Harry and Meghan drama, like *Peaky Blinders*, is a temporary escape from the world around us. And, I guess that's a good thing.

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From Shaman's Rock

Letters to the editor

Dedication ceremony at Austin Sawmill Heritage Park, our loving gratitude

To the Editor,

In November 2003, our eldest son, Shaun, at age 17, lost his life in a car accident on the way to his hockey game. (We thank God, friend Justin Simington survived.)

Grieving friends decided to raise funds in Shaun's honour for the creation of a skateboard park in Kinmount. We were encouraged by this sacrificial gift in his memory; together with the many youth and caring families in the surrounding areas, a committee was formed, then born!

The committee worked hard and raised over \$20,000 but alas no location for a skateboard park could be found. After some years a bursary was created in Shaun's memory for a Fenelon Falls Secondary School graduating student who demonstrates good citizenship and a memorial trophy was donated to Shaun's hockey team Highland Storm. Eventually in 2016 the bulk of the funds were used to supply accessible playground equipment at Austin Sawmill Park in Kinmount.

We as a family, felt delighted to finally see that the funds raised had been put to a worthy cause. We know our Shaun was such a giver and caring person

and he would have been so pleased we gave to help other families needs, some whom we knew well, and now their needs were being met. So on June 11, 2017 a huge crowd came to Austin Sawmill Park, including family and friends. During the celebration comments were shared from Shaun's grandma, Loretta Tait, who said, "Now, today we see the opportunity to bring happiness to others out of our grief." Mom, Cathy stated, "We thank God for each of you and may you all know these kind acts have helped us in our healing." Finishing off with sister Christy sharing, "Having such a supportive community behind us, made us not feel alone."

We finalized with a dedication prayer by our friend and pastor, Dave Sedore, which was followed by the cutting of the ribbon by me, Cathy, Shaun's mom, supported by all those present.

On behalf of our family, we humbly thank each and every one of you!

P.S. Please visit us on Facebook to view photos and videos of the day!

Chapman Family
David, Cathy, Christy, Jason,
Amanda and Matt



New Year's resolutions

IT'S DECEMBER. Let the parties begin. That means eating, drinking and having

a grand old time. And that can mean that your clothes will start to get a little tighter, and the scale will likely move in the wrong direction. It doesn't have to be that way. Set your New Year's resolutions now. Crazy thought you say, but wait; let's consider the benefits of starting now.

First, you would be more likely to set reasonable goals. We often feel pressure to aim for the stars when we set goals for the new year. We've just come out of a period of excessive behaviours so we're in that "go big, or go home" mindset. Setting a resolution now would mean taking into account that these next few weeks are going to be full of celebrations. It doesn't mean not enjoying the holidays, it just means managing food consumption so that weight gain is minimized or even that a couple of pounds are shed.

Second, if improving your fitness is one of your resolutions in December, you'll have greater access to equipment at the gym or with personal trainers. No one else is getting into shape right now, are they? No, they are not because they are putting that off until



LAURIE SWEIG

Practical Fitness

January.

Third, most New Year's resolutions are broken after a month or two. If you start now, you'll have momentum behind you to help you hang on to the goals that you set.

Fourth, you won't have gained the five to 10 pounds over the holiday season. There – that alone should be the main selling feature of this concept.

And last, if you're someone who likes the buddy system for this type of endeavour now is the time to recruit that workout partner because they will be as committed as you are.

The fact is that New Year's resolutions rarely work. I believe that is because they tend to be a reaction. So, take some time now to think about who you want to be in 2018. Set a couple of realistic goals, and make a plan so you can march into the new year with confidence knowing that you're already well on your way.

Something to think about.

Laurie Sweig is a certified personal trainer and spinning instructor. She is one of the founders of The Point for Fitness: www.the-pointforfitness.com.

Research proposals in health, mental health welcome

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search done by current Trent students by contacting U-Links, which assists with matching interested academics with local groups.

"They'll come to us and then we will work on a project proposal with them, draft something with them, and that proposal will outline all of the requirements for the project, the research questions. We help them design it so that it can fit into one of the courses or for an independent student to take up," Addison said.

Research must fit into four categories: environmental, economic, social (which includes health) and cultural.

One student is researching the Indigenous history of the region.

"Investigating the history of Indigenous habitation prior to settlers is critical for our community to understand and recognize the unique and enduring relationship that exists between Indigenous Peoples and their traditional territories," the project description reads.

"The goal of this project is therefore to gather and evaluate accurate information about the history of Indigenous habitation in Haliburton County: 1) Who they were 2) What traditional territories are included in the county and 3) How this connects to present day First Nations such as Curve Lake First Nation Algonquins of Pikwakanagan First Nation Chippewas of Rama First Nation and Algonquins of Ontario."

Addison said the student has already amassed a large amount of information and

she is looking forward to seeing the end result of the research.

Another project addresses greening cemeteries, looking into environmentally friendly ways to intern human remains.

Master's students are working on two projects that will evaluate the results of the four-year Love Your Lake initiative, which provided feedback to lakefront property owners about the best ways to renaturalize shorelines, to better the local environment.

Those students will be supervised by Dr. Tom Whillans, who was guiding the Love Your Lake program in partnership with the Coalition of Haliburton Property Owners' Associations.

Addison pointed out that in the past U-Links has done more projects related to the environment and has become known for that work. However, there are also opportunities for social studies students to come to the county to assist community groups.

"We have access to a number of other departments in the university that would be available to work on projects that are more related to health and mental health and social endeavours," she said. "We've got the psychology department working on a project with four master's students in the community, which is really exciting."

The professor in the psychology department is interested in working on aging studies and is receptive to proposals from the community.

Anyone who wants to pitch an idea is encouraged to get in touch with Addison at sadison@ulinks.ca or by calling 705-286-2411.



Some of the past and present HHLT board members came together for a photo at the ceremonial plaque on Dec. 4 at the Dahl Forest on Gelert Road. /PHOTO SUBMITTED

Dahl family honoured

The Haliburton Highlands Land Trust and the Dahl family, donors of the Dahl Forest, have been officially recognized for their contribution to habitat conservation by Environment and Climate Change Canada as part of their Canada 150 celebrations. On Dec. 4, friends of the Haliburton Highlands Land Trust, former board members, Peter Dahl and Jan MacLennan, gathered at the kiosk of the Dahl Forest to officially unveil the new plaque. The Dahl Forest is one of only 150 properties chosen nationally to be recognized with this honour. Peter Dahl and his sister Nana McKernan gifted the beautiful property, now known as Dahl Forest, to the Haliburton Highlands Land Trust in 2009.

Mary Lou Gerstl, chair of the HHLT, stated with pride that only 150 properties across Canada were given such an award. "The plaque that was unveiled today will reflect for our visitors, who come from near and far, the significance of the Dahl family's donation and will also tell them that they are about to enter a nationally significant and protected property."

Sheila Ziman, chair when the Dahl Forest was gifted to the HHLT, spoke of the won-

derful partnership and vision shared between the HHLT and the Dahl family. She was reminded of a statement first spoken by then-MP Barry Devolin who said, "The Dahl Forest is a jewel in the crown of the Haliburton Highlands Land Trust." Ziman thanked former directors and the Dahl family for all the work put into this wonderful gift.

Peter Dahl has seen this family property through many changes over the years and is now thrilled that the public can spend time enjoying the peaceful surroundings and, most importantly, that hundreds of species can live, protected in the Dahl Forest.

Dahl Forest will continue to provide opportunities for environmental education and research. People who enjoy walking or snowshoeing in nature are welcome to visit the property, pick up a brochure at the kiosk and enjoy the many trails throughout the property. Donations to HHLT to help maintain trails and manage the property are always welcome and appreciated. Or consider protecting an acre of land for a \$50 donation – a special gift for your nature-loving friends.

Submitted by the Haliburton Highlands Land Trust

Local forests get a helping hand

by SUE TIFFIN
Times Staff

The Smith and Dahl forests are welcoming visitors through U-Links.

Four undergraduate students from Trent University have been marking out and establishing permanent sample plots (PSPs) over numerous trips to the Haliburton Highlands Land Trust (HHLT) properties, to develop a long-term ecosystem monitoring initiative in support of the HHLT's stewardship responsibility. The students and professors from the Trent School of the Environment have collaborated with U-Links and HHLT on the research initiative.

"The PSPs will enable the HHLT to monitor, on a long-term basis, changes in ecosystem biodiversity and land use using a scientifically rigorous process for monitoring

those changes," said Sonja Addison, U-Links co-ordinator.

"The HHLT has a long-term commitment to our land donors and the public to manage our properties well to ensure the ecological health of the land," said Greg Wickware, HHLT lands committee chair. "This is a wonderful opportunity for both parties – the students will learn through hands-on work and the HHLT will be better able to plan and manage our properties using the data collected."

Once established, the HHLT will monitor the plots every 10 to 15 years to assess changes in biodiversity and update stewardship practices as appropriate, according to a press release from the HHLT.

"Both parties are excited about the partnership and look forward to the final results of the project," reads the release.

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IGA Road scheduled for upgrade

by CHAD INGRAM
Times Staff

The following are brief reports of items discussed during a Nov. 30 meeting of Minden Hills council.

Council awarded the contract for consulting and engineering services for the reconstruction of IGA Road to Tulloch Engineering for approximately \$48,600, plus HST. IGA connects Bobcaygeon Road to Dollo's Foodland. The plan is for the survey work to be completed before snowfall and buildup interfere. The project will include the addition of a sidewalk along IGA Road.

Highway water main

The township will hire C.C. Underground to install a new water main along Highway 35, between the Haliburton Highlands OPP detachment and the Valumart grocery store.

As a report from property and environmental operations manager Ivan Ingram explained, "Several years ago, staff applied to the Ministry of Transportation for a permit to replace the waterline at the Valumart on Highway 35. The permit was received on Oct. 23, 2017, to allow the work to begin. While staff was waiting for the permit to be issued, the Minden Motel began having issues with the water service. Staff determined that the line to the motel had been crushed and required replacement. Valumart and Minden Motel are both having the same issues with water service, and staff recommended a new two-inch service line from the six-inch water main at the OPP office on the south side of the highway in order to avoid the expense of boring under the highway to repair the crushed lines, and avoid any future issues."

C.C. Underground was the only company to attend a mandatory site visit that was part of the request for proposals process, and as a result, it was recommended the

project be sole-sourced to the company, for a total of approximately \$62,300, including taxes.

UV system

The township will purchase an ultra-violet treatment system to be installed at the Minden Hills wastewater treatment plant.

The municipality successfully applied for some funding through the federal government's Clean Water and Wastewater Fund and the federal government will cover \$50,000 of the \$112,500 cost for purchase and installation, the provincial government \$25,000. The township's share, the remaining \$37,500 will come from the wastewater reserve, pending a departmental surplus.

The township will sole-source the purchase of the equipment.

"On behalf of the township, Ontario Clean Water Agency (OCWA) completed a design plan for the purchase and installation of a UV system in the filter room at the Wastewater treatment plant," reads a report from property and environmental operations manager Ivan Ingram. "OCWA recommends the purchase of a Trojan unit, which are currently being utilized by OCWA in many other plants in the Minden area (the City of Kawartha Lakes as

an example) and have proven to be very effective and easy to maintain. OCWA maintains a current inventory of spare parts including sensors, bulbs and sleeves and are readily available should the need arise."

According to the report, H2Flow is the only supplier of Trojan units in Ontario.

Additional fire hall costs approved

Council approved \$115,000 in additional expenses for the new fire hall, under construction along Highway 35. More than \$40,000 was spent on the excavation of soil and the hauling in of engineered soil during the construction of the building's foundation, after it was discovered the soil on-site was not suitable for load-bearing.

Other costs include \$5,000 for a washer and dryer for bunker gear; \$13,000 for IT infrastructure, including a wall-mounted 75-inch television to be used for training purposes; \$23,000 for furniture including desks and chairs for the building's conference room and offices; \$30,000 for an electronic sign outside the fire hall; and \$20,000 in contingency funds.

Financing of the unbudgeted expenses will be deferred to council's 2018 budget deliberations.



Abbey Gardens host winter festival

Santa Claus watched over the festivities keeping his workshop busy at the Abbey Gardens winter festival and market on Dec. 2. Kids decorated cookies, coloured, made crafts and took some time to tell Santa about their Christmas wish list at the event, which also included a trailer ride and winter market in collaboration with the Haliburton County Farmers' Market. /SUE TIFFIN Staff

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Flu season puts hospitals at capacity

by CHAD INGRAM
Times Staff

The following are brief reports of items discussed during a Nov. 30 meeting of the Haliburton Highlands Health Services board.

The province is providing money to hospitals to help them deal with overcrowding during the flu season.

"There is some funding that has been announced . . . to increase hospital capacity, in recognition of the flu season, the surge that goes along with it," said HHHS president and CEO Carolyn Plummer. "Lots of the hospitals across the province, and in particular in the Central East LHIN, are experiencing increased capacity, to the point where they've got patients admitted to their emergency departments."

Plummer said that HHHS is one of those hospitals, however, it doesn't have the room or staffing ability for additional beds.

"We aren't adding any beds here in Haliburton because we haven't got the physical space in which to add them, nor do we have the ability to bring in staff in the required timeframe," she said.

The funding is available until March. However, Plummer pointed out that hospitals in Peterborough and Lindsay will be taking advantage of the funding, and will therefore have some additional capacity.

Bill 148

Bill 148, the province's Fair Workplaces, Better Jobs Act, will have some financial ramifications for HHHS, although the breadth of those ramifications is unclear at this time.

Most widely known for increasing Ontario's minimum wage, the bill mandates numerous changes for workplaces, including equal pay for part-time workers who perform the same duties as full-time counterparts.

"There are some elements of the legislation that will have an impact on HHHS," Plummer told board members. "We don't yet know exactly what the full impact will be, we're still working that out with the Ontario Hospital Association and our lawyers."

Plummer said there should be more information available on the implications of the bill in coming weeks.

Paramedicine program

A paramedicine program that began in Haliburton County about a month ago is quickly gaining clients.

Paramedicine programs see paramedics making home visits to vulnerable patients, making sure they are taking their medication properly, doing falls prevention work, etc.

Since it launched, 53 clients have signed up to use the new program.

"We've been getting some very positive feedback about how the program really is preventing people from having to visit the emergency department, and really helping to make sure that they get the support they need in their homes," Plummer said.

Surplus forecasted

It looks like HHHS is heading for a small surplus for the year.

Up until the end of September, treasurer and finance committee chairman David Gray told board members HHHS had a surplus of approximately \$56,000.

"One of the main reasons is that there were unfilled positions in the organization, which now have been filled, which is part of the reason the surplus is there," Gray told board members.

For the 2016/17 fiscal year, the organization achieved a small surplus of approximately \$17,000 on a budget of approximately \$24.8 million.



Cash for Care kicks off

From left, Haliburton Highlands Health Services board of directors chairman Dave Bonham, HHHS Foundation chairman Peter Oyler, HHHS president and CEO Carolyn Plummer, Cash for Care Lottery campaign chairperson Jim Mitchell and foundation executive director Lisa Tompkins announced the start of the lottery fundraiser on Thursday, Nov. 30 at the Minden health facility. Proceeds from this lottery will be put to upgrading the telemedicine equipment. There is up to \$25,000 in cash prizes available. Tickets are limited to 4,500 and are \$20 each, three for \$50 and six for \$100. They can be purchased at participating retailers, or through the lottery hotline at 705-457-1580, 705-286-1580 or foundation@hhhs.ca./DARREN LUM Staff

Scrap metal donations help health hub

DORSET NEWS

Lee Ross

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Do you remember the giant recycling bin on Highway 117 that was used to collect scrap metal throughout the summer? Well, thanks to generous donations by cottagers and locals, \$5,000 was raised for the Dorset Health Hub. The bin was emptied several times and replaced by AOR in Port Sydney, and Mike Wiebe of Kawagama Lake even filled his own bin and donated the proceeds. Keep an eye out in the spring for the bin to make another appearance and drop off your scrap metal for a good cause. Big shout out to Andy McEachern for coming up with the idea and overseeing the project, and for the use of his space, which is in a prime location for the bin to be noticed.

If you're looking for something to do in Dorset this weekend, visit Chetolah Pottery Studio on Harvey

Avenue for Dorset in December. On Saturday, Dec. 9 and Sunday, Dec. 10 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The coffee machine will be on, the shelves will be stocked and the festive music will be playing. Tara and Cait look forward to welcoming you to this new event!

The food drive may be over but you can still donate. Robinson's General Store, Tower Hill Marine and Dorset Timber Mart will all have spots to put your donations for the next couple of weeks. You can also take donations for the Winter Pantry to the LCBO in Dorset.

Mark your calendars and pray for snow, the 2018 Dorset Poker Rally is being held on Saturday, Feb. 10 at Lions Camp Dorset. Visit tallpines.org for information and pledge sheets. The money raised goes towards Tall Pines Snowmobile Club and Lions Camp Dorset.

Happy birthday to Donald McEachern, Chris Davis, Caitlin Davies, Jeaninne Dunn, Barb Jordan, Cameron Nash and Tony Arkell. Happy anniversary to Boyd and Diane Griffin and Bill and June Johnson. For birthdays and submissions, please send them to burgesslt@me.com.

Point in Time Centre for Children, Youth and Parents and Haliburton Highlands Mental Health Services

would like to remind the community that we provide quick and supportive access to mental health and counselling services.

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Adults – if you are in need of mental health supports please call Haliburton Highlands Mental Health Services at 705-286-4575.

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Making things work at work

by SUE TIFFIN
Times Staff

Anna Froebe cottaged in Haliburton County for 11 years, and then settled in as a permanent resident for five before launching her own business as a human resources consultant, but in just a matter of months since introducing HR Access to the community, she's already hit the ground running to help small- and medium-sized businesses with their HR needs.

Since launching HR Access in September, she's worked with local businesses and organizations including those in the retail and service industry and non-profits and some, like Wind in the Willows Spa and realtor Anthony vanLieshout, have left glowing testimonials on her website.

"Knowing that small and medium-sized businesses more than likely don't have a dedicated HR specialist or expert, but that HR issues are still going to come up now and then, I can be sort of a back-pocket resource for them when they need it," she said.

Froebe moved to the area after working as HR director for Exide Technologies, and worked in HR for Canadian Mental Health Association – Muskoka-Parry Sound



Consultant Anna Froebe launched HR Access in September, but is already attracting a diverse client list to help small- to medium-sized businesses and non-profits across the county. /SUE TIFFIN Staff

branch, before deciding to venture out on her own after almost 25 years working in HR. Now she's hoping to help

Haliburton County businesses and non-profits with more than one employee ensure their policies and procedures are up to date and legislatively tight by working closely with business owners, service clubs and municipalities on everything from performance review guides, civility workshops, HR 101 talks, and in ensuring even small downtown shops can avoid complaints that lead to detrimental fines by abiding by accessibility requirements under the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, for which many deadlines have already passed.

Froebe said she gives businesses that might not have the time to research or keep up-to-date on legislation the tools so their employees can be productive, happy, have initiative and go home safely.

"The optimum is for businesses to realize that they need to address their HR stuff before it becomes a crisis," she said. "Before it becomes a human rights complaint, or harassment complaint or somebody has a wrongful dismissal claim. To deal with the issues internally, within the organization before they are hit with a lawsuit."

"They can take a proactive step, to say, 'I can prevent these things from happening, by just putting a few practices in place, to make sure my business is protected but that the employees are protected as well,'" said Froebe. "It results in greater employee morale, greater employee motivation, productivity, retention and recruitment."

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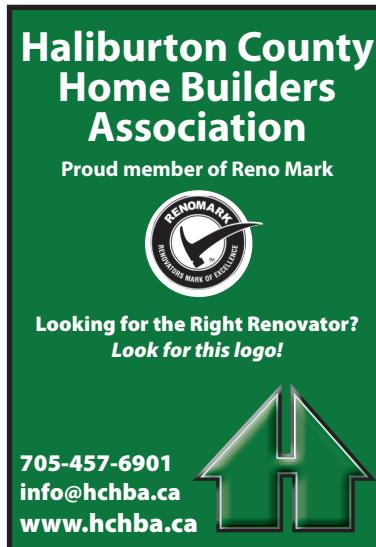
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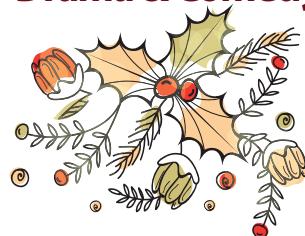


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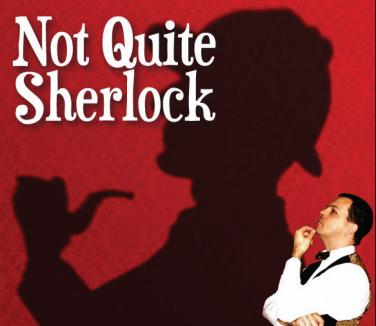
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Cliffhanger

by James Yaffe

Mingling suspense and humour, this ingeniously plotted thriller follows all the unexpected twists and turns that result when a seemingly mild-mannered professor of philosophy is driven to apparent murder to protect his reputation and career.

Performances July 16-19 (7:30 p.m.), 20 & 22 (2 p.m. matinee), 23 & 24 (7:30 p.m.).

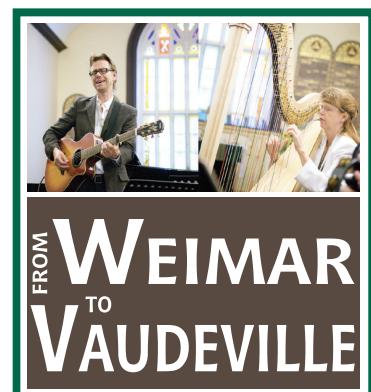


From Weimar to Vaudeville

by Tom Allen

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Performances July 25 & 26 (7:30 p.m.), 27 (2 p.m. matinee).



MINOR HOCKEY

Cross-ice Tykes play first game of season

The Bright Woods Landscaping and DeWayen Simms Construction Highland Storm Tyke 2 team took to the ice for their first official game of the season against the Apsley Flames this past Sunday, Dec. 3 at the Lloyd Watson Centre.

The stands were packed to watch this new action-filled cross-ice three-on-three hockey. Although official scores are not recorded due to new Tyke age regulations, Storm dominated the play for the majority of the 60 minute game and every single player on the Storm team walked away with at least one goal.

Congratulations to all Tyke 2 scorers: Tyler Hughes, Henry Neilson, Jacob Manning, Hawksley Dobbins, Cruz Neave, Neil Mihlik, Nixon Ecclestone, Lyla Degeer, Landyn Simms, Brycen Harrison, Benton Lloyd, Hunter Hamilton and Leighton Nesbitt.

Submitted by Cheryl Smith

Midgets overpower Hurricane 5-2

On Tuesday, Nov. 28 the Highlander and Smolen Family Dentistry Midget team travelled to Woodville to take on the Hurricanes. Goals were scored by Lucas Haedicke, Owen Patterson-Smith, Josh Boice, Nolan Flood and Owen Gilbert. The Storm were able to beat the Hurricane 5-2. Next the Midget team will be travelling to Huntsville to take on the Otters on Dec. 16 at 2:10 p.m.

Submitted by Suzanne Haedicke

Tough weekend for Atom AE Storm

On Dec. 2, the G.J. Burtch Construction Highland Storm Atom AE travelled to Collingwood to take on the Blackhawks. Both teams came out strong in the first period. Neither team was able to score. The Storm players fought hard with shots off the post, the puck just wasn't bouncing their way. They were unable to score on the Blackhawks ending the game in a 2-0 loss. On Sunday, Dec. 3, they travelled to Gravenhurst to play against the South Muskoka Bears. The Bears came on strong scoring only minutes into the game. The Storm players gave it their best but weren't able to get any past the Bears resulting in a 7-0 lost.

Dec. 7 to 10 the Atom AE team travels south to play in the Ayr tournament with an early 8 a.m. start on Friday morning.

Submitted by Lisa Reinwald

Busy week for Bantam A Storm

The Highland Storm Pepper Mill Steak and Pasta House Dollo's Foodland Bantam A played the Sturgeon Thunder Tuesday evening in Minden. The Storm were first on the board with a pretty power play goal by Jake Sisson finishing off a lovely pass from Tyson Clements. Exceptional goaltending by Ben Landry kept the Storm in front until the second period when the Thunder were finally able to get one past Landry. The Thunder took the lead a few minutes later when the Storm found themselves in penalty trouble and playing shorthanded for an extended period of the middle frame. The penalties for the Storm continued in the third period and they never quite got back into their rhythm resulting in a 3-1 loss to the visiting Sturgeon team.

Two days later the boys travelled down to Lindsay for a rematch against the Kawartha Coyotes. The teams tied 3-3 last week. The Coyotes struck early scoring on their second shift, however some excellent forechecking by Jake Sisson gave him the opportunity to tie things up. The second period saw the teams trade goals frequently with Storm markers coming from Brendan Coumbs and a textbook two-on-one with Desi Davies setting up Cody Switzer. The Storm were down 4-3 heading into the third period and unfortunately couldn't find the back of the net in that final frame as they lost 5-3 to the hometown Coyotes.

On Saturday morning the Storm travelled up to Sudbordge for a tilt against the Almaguin Ice Devils. Storm goalie Ben Landry showed that he was ready making a splendid stop on a Devil breakaway in the first minute. The Storm played very strong the first two periods and displayed some excellent penalty killing and when called upon, Landry was rock solid between the pipes giving the Storm a 2-0 lead heading into the third with goals by Connor Sobrey and Jax Gill.

The Devils did manage to come back in the final period taking advantage of some power

plays offered to them to tie the game 2-2.

Sunday evening saw the Highland Storm travel to Beaverton to face-off against the Brock Wild and came home with a convincing 7-1 victory. The team's next game is against the Woodville Hurricanes Friday in Minden at 7 p.m.

Coyotes weather Peewee Storm

On Sunday, Nov. 26 the JoAnne Sharpley's Source for Sports Haliburton Family Medical Centre Peewees headed to Elmvale to take on the Elmvale Coyotes. The Coyotes were the first to strike and held their 1-0 lead into the second. The Coyotes were throwing everything they had at the net with goalie Damon Harriss doing everything he could to keep his team in the game. The Coyotes managed to get one by to take a 2-0 lead. The Storm weren't going down without a fight and Zander Upton put one in assisted by Avery Degeer to cut the Coyotes' lead in half. The Storm kept trying but the Coyotes netted two more to take the game 4-1. The Storm have a full schedule this week with the Kawartha Coyotes coming to Minden Tuesday, Dec. 5 for a 7:30 game.

The Peewees travel to Whitby to take on the Durham Crusaders on Saturday, Dec. 9 and head to Parry Sound to face the Shamrocks on Sunday, Dec. 10.

Submitted by Ron Hall

Atom A Storm overpowers Hurricane 9-4

The Cottage Country Building Supplies/Ridgewood Ford Highland Storm Atom A's travelled to Woodville to face the Woodville Hurricanes on Tuesday, Nov. 28 for an exhibition game.

The first goal of the game was a beautiful top shelf goal by Mak Prentice, assisted by Addison Carr, followed by an unassisted goal by Cheyenne Degeer. But unfortunately the Woodville Hurricanes scored two goals within 30 seconds of each other and it was 2-2 going into the second period. The second period started with a goal by the Hurricanes, however the Storm were not going to give up. Kadin Card scored an unassisted goal, followed by a goal by Brechin Johnston, assisted by Degeer.

Woodville received a penalty shot and scored and once again it was a tied game 4-4. The third period was dominated by the Highland Storm. Carr scored, assisted by Austin Latanville, then Degeer scored, assisted by Johnston, followed by another unassisted goal by Carr, next a goal by Prentice, assisted by Degeer and finally Carr scored his hat trick goal, assisted by Prentice, making a final score of 9-4.

On Sunday, Dec. 3 the Atom A's travelled to Fenelon Falls to face the Sturgeon Lake Thunder. Unfortunately the Highland Storm lost 4-1. The goal was scored by Addison Carr, assisted by Brechin Johnston and Cheyenne Degeer.

The Atom A's will be hosting the Woodville Hurricanes on Tuesday, Dec. 5 at the S.G. Nesbitt Arena at 6 p.m. On Saturday, Dec. 9 at 2 p.m. they will travel to Beaverton to face the Brock Wild and on Sunday, Dec. 10 at 2 p.m. they travel to Parry Sound to face the Shamrocks.

Submitted by Amber Card

Bears blown over by Tyke Storm 10-0

On Dec. 2, the Tom Prentice and Sons Trucking Tykes travelled to the Lindsay Recreation Complex to face the Lindsay Muskies. The battle resulted in a 4-4 tie. Vanek Logan scored an unassisted goal. Evan Perrott's hard work and determination earned him a hat trick, the first goal assisted by Logan, the second unassisted, and the third with the help of Mason Latanville.

The Tom Prentice and Sons Trucking Tykes hosted the South Muskoka Bears on Dec. 3 at the S.G. Nesbitt Arena. The Storm came out strong, hitting the scoreboard hard early in the game. Vanek Logan opened up the first period with a beautiful breakaway goal, putting it over the blocker of the Bears' goaltender. Hungry for more, Logan carried the puck through traffic and put it in the net again. Defenceman Evan Perrott waited for the goalie to go down and slid one by. Next Jack Tomlinson and Logan skated up the ice all alone, resulting in Logan burying the puck in back of the net. Luke Gruppe dug in, turning over the puck and Easton Burk picked up the loose puck put it

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Right, there were lines at cash registers in Minden stores such as Up River Trading Co.

Below right, A shopper is framed in the display window of Wall Flower Studio.

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Answers on page 18



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When: Sunday, Dec. 10 at 12:30 p.m.

Where: Wilberforce

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When: Sunday, Dec. 10 at 3 p.m.

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When: Dec. 13, 7:30 p.m.

Where: 1050 Lochlin Road off Gelert Road (County Rd. 1) at Lochlin.

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Essonville Historic Church Christmas Carol Service

When: Sunday, Dec. 17 at 7 p.m.

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Speaker: Pastor Brian Plouffe

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through the goaltender's five hole. Perrott put one in the five hole. With a minute 48 seconds left in the period, Tomlinson received the perfect pass from Logan to hit the open left side of the net on a one timer.

Gruppe, Jaxon Casey and McCartney Saunders fought hard, turning the puck over from the Bears multiple times to help the Storm keep their lead. Mason Latanville scored the lone goal in the second, with the help of Logan. Latanville, on a line change error by the Bears, took the opportunity to put the puck into the net early in the third. Tomlinson managed to slide one by on the right side, assisted by Logan. The Storm's defencemen Matthew Scheffee, Ethan DeCarlo, Zach Prentice and Perrott held the blue line strong throughout the game, contributing greatly to the win. With the shutout, Storm goaltender Carter Braun made

many great saves to help the Storm take the game, 10-0. Next the Tyke team will be travelling to Millbrook on Dec. 8 for a three-day tournament.

Submitted by Jessica Tomlinson

Midget girls win both home games

The Bancroft IDA/Red Eagle Family Campground Midget girls won both home games this past weekend where True Nulty played some solid games between the pipes due to both Jets goalies being injured. They played an exhibition game on Saturday against Otonabee Wolverine C for a 4-0 win. Sunday's game was a fast paced game where Jules Croskery recorded a hat trick as she led the Jets to a 4-2 win against the Cold Creek Comets.

Submitted by Lysane Burnett

Hawks basketball team gains experience in Renfrew

The following are HHSS sports briefs for the week ending Dec. 1.

Congratulations to the senior Red Hawks basketball team on an impressive performance at the Renfrew Invitational Tournament. The squad came out flying in the first game against host school Renfrew and quickly built a 13-0 lead. Our tenacious Red Hawks defence was too much for Renfrew to handle. Final score HHSS 60 and Renfrew 19. In the second game, we faced a big and feisty team from Espanola. After losing Kyle Cooper to an injury in the first minute, the squad dug deep for Cooper. The game was tight until the end, but Espanola pulled away in the last four minutes for the victory. In our third game against Rideau, the Red Hawks were down by eight in the final quarter and had a

chance to make it close, but the shots just wouldn't fall for us.

Hockey team defeats Crestwood

The Red Hawks hockey team improved their record to two wins and one loss after a gruelling double-header on Thursday, Nov. 30 at the Kinsmen Civic Centre in Peterborough. The Red Hawks defeated Crestwood 3-0 on goals by Carter O'Neill, Owen Gilbert and Jacob Haedicke. Hawks netminder Jaxson Campbell earned the shutout. Assists went to Lucas Haedicke, Desi Davies, Josh Boice, Benn Macnaull and Trevor Turner.

In the second game, the team was defeated 3-0 by St. Mary's from Cobourg.

Submitted by Judi Paul

With files from Wade Wiggins



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Haliburton Highlands Family Health Team

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We are sad to announce the retirement of Dr. Barbara Varty from the Haliburton Family Medical Centre, effective November 22, 2017. However, as a patient of Dr. Varty's, you will be transferred to a new physician who is moving to Haliburton this winter. Her name is Dr. Devon Tilbrook. Dr. Tilbrook plans to start in the clinic in January 2018. For the month of December the physicians, nurse practitioners, and physician assistant, along with a number of other allied health professionals, will continue to provide you with ongoing health care.

At this time we are not accepting any requests from Dr. Varty's patients to transfer to another physician on our team.

As rostered patients of Dr. Varty's, the ministry of health and long-term care will reassign you to Dr. Tilbrook automatically. You do not need to sign the patient enrolment form or consent again.

If you have any questions or concerns around this process please call Kim Robinson at 705-457-1212, ext. 368 to discuss.

County of Haliburton Notice

Inaugural Session of County Council

The Council of the County of Haliburton wishes to provide PUBLIC NOTICE that the Inaugural Session of Haliburton County Council will take place on Tuesday, December 12, 2017 commencing at 2:00 p.m. in the County Administration Building located at 11 Newcastle Street in Minden. The public is welcome to attend.

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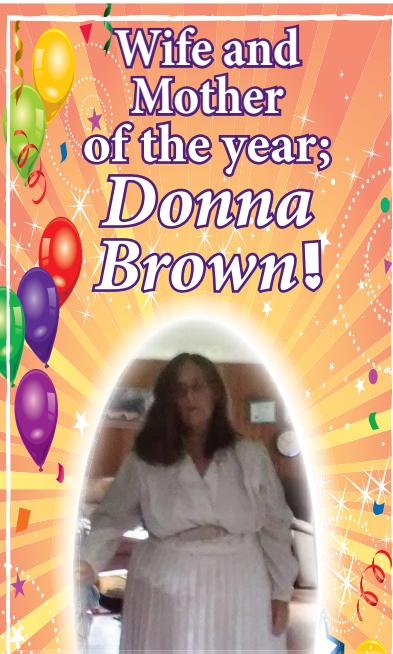
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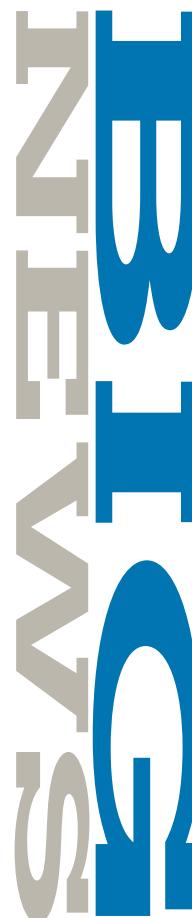
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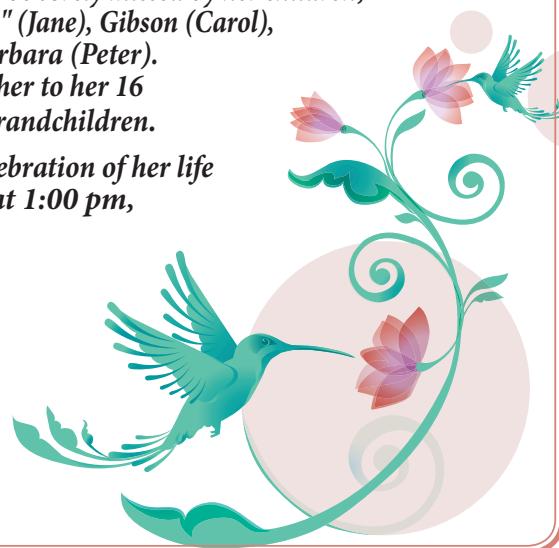
Catherine Marshall Boyd, (nee Mason)

Passed away peacefully in her sleep at Hyland Crest Senior Citizens Home, on Monday, December 4, 2017, in her 97th year.

Cathy was predeceased by the most handsome man in the world, her husband Hamilton. She will be sorely missed by her children, Robert (Pearl), Stephen "Scotty" (Jane), Gibson (Carol), Kenneth (Moonyene), and Barbara (Peter). Cathy was a loving grandmother to her 16 grandchildren and 20 great-grandchildren.

Please join the family in a celebration of her life on Saturday, December 9th, at 1:00 pm, in the fireplace room at Hyland Crest.

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Fondly remembered by her nieces, nephews, family and friends.

Memorial Service to Celebrate Beryl's Life will be held at the Zion United Church, Carnarvon on Monday, December 11, 2017 at 3:00 pm. Cremation has taken place.

Memorial Donations to the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation (HHHSF) would be appreciated by the family and can be arranged through the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., P.O. Box 427, Minden, Ontario K0M 2K0.



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In Loving Memory of Marlynn "Moe" Joan Briscoe

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Did you know? One hundred years ago yesterday was the devastating Halifax Explosion. Halifax was the perfect departure point (being ice free), for carrying troops to Europe, and the wounded troops back home. The population in 1917 was 50,000 and in addition there were thousands of temporary army and navy personnel at the garrison, navy yards and aboard ships. In the harbour on this date were two ships, the Belgian relief ship SS Imo, outward bound for New York to pick up cargo, and the French munitions ship SS Mont Blanc, inbound to join a convoy headed for Europe. Mont-Blanc's holds were stuffed

with TNT, guncotton and picric acid, and highly flammable benzol was in drums on deck. Yet it flew no flag to indicate it was a munitions ship, due to fear of attracting the attention of patrolling German submarines. Mont-Blanc's hold was pierced, fire started, and ignited vapours from the benzol. When the benzol reached its boiling point, the drums began launching like a series of rockets into the air. At 9:04 a.m., a massive explosion all but wiped out Richmond, wrecked houses in neighbouring Africville, and across the harbour heavily damaged Dartmouth. Thousands were killed, and thousands more were injured. Towns were wiped out, families separated as a result of this explosion. There is so much more to this story, and more information can be found in the November/December issue of the *Legion magazine*.

On a lighter note, do not forget our Christmas luncheon, turkey with all the trimmings on Dec. 20 at a cost of \$12. Also featured will be our stocking draw, and the draw will be made for our handmade rug. Everyone is welcome.



Bowling Scores

Fast Lane bowling stats for Monday afternoon, Nov. 27

High Average (cumulative)
Women – Chris Cote – 193
Men – Claude Cote – 210
 This Week's Highs – Women
 High Single – Chris Cote – 260
 High Triple – Chris Cote – 680
 High Single Hcp – Chris Cote – 286
 High Triple Hcp - Chris Cote – 764
 This Weeks Highs – Men
 High Single – Claude Cote – 265
 High Triple – Claude Cote – 730
 High Single Hcp – Claude Cote – 277
 High Triple Hcp – Claude Cote – 766

Tuesday Afternoon Bowling Scores Nov. 28

Men
 High Average Claude Cote 226
 High Single Neil Darby 333
 High Single H/C Neil Darby 349
 High Triple Neil Darby 829

High Triple H/C Neil Darby 877
Women

High Average Chris Cote 205
 High Single Chris Cote 292
 High Single H/C Chris Cote 309
 High Triple Chris Cote 666
 High Triple H/C Chris Cote 717w

Fast Lane Bowling Scores for Friday, Dec. 1

Ladies
 High average Clara Vuksic 173
 High single Ren Higgins 196
 High triple Clara Vuksic 489
 High single hcp Ren Higgins 239
 High triple hcp Clara Vuksic 615
Men
 High average Rick West 214
 High single Gary Hunt 243
 High triple Gary Hunt 642
 High single hcp Gary Hunt 274
 High triple hcp Gary Hunt 735

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CANOE 100.9 FM Artist of the Week Auction!

The Artist of the Week for:

- November 13th** - **Stephanie MacKendrick**
- November 20th** - **Thom Lambert**
- November 27th** - **Harvey Walker**
- December 4th** - **Susan Hay**
- December 11th** - **donated Robert Bateman print**

What a great Christmas gift for a friend or loved one.

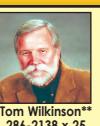
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